



2018-2019 Boca Twisters Competition Season Packet

Dear Parents and Athletes,

The staff and coaches of Boca Twister Gymnastics are very proud of how hard all of the girls have been working and are very excited about the upcoming competitive season. At Twisters, we are supporting "Go Green" and will be sending important team notices via email. Frequently, we will be directing you to our website, www.twistergymnastics.com, where you can download important forms related to competitions this season. Please print and return the forms that pertain to your child's particular level.

The continued growth of the entire Twister Girls Team Program that we are experiencing has enabled us to spread the expenses out over all team members, allowing us to maintain an overall low cost of competing. The fees and information provided in this packet specifically pertain to competitions. These competitive fees are separate from your monthly tuition payments, which are specifically for the expenses associated with the training of the athletes in the gym.

The attached **Competition Season Packet** contains the following:

1. **Participation in Meets**
2. **Explanation of Fees**
3. **Tuition vs. Competition Fees**
4. **Competition Schedules**

If there are any further questions, please email Heatherzayac@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the Boca Team. It is a privilege working with such wonderful athletes!

Sincerely,

The Twister Gymnastics Organization

Participation in Meets

How many meets should my child attend?

At both Compulsory and optional levels it is important that an athlete participate in a minimum of **four** competitions before the end of the season. There should be multiple competitions where the girls “get out the bugs” and in some cases try out new skills. At these meets, our athletes will have the opportunity to “learn to compete.” Two to three weeks prior to the Florida Crown Championships there should be a “tune up” competition to prepare for the final competition of the season.

What is required to compete?

The gymnast must attend a full week of workout prior to competition to be eligible to compete at the competition. The gymnast also must have $\frac{3}{4}$ of her required skills mastered to compete on each individual event. If a gymnast is missing skills for a specific event they can still compete on the other three events they are proficient on.

Where are the competitions?

Most of the competitions are local. However, we have one “special competition” where all the girls will have the opportunity to travel. This competition is a family favorite and is above and beyond a normal “in the gym” competition. The Presidential Classic at Disney’s Wide World of Sports is one of the largest and most prestigious gymnastics meets in the country. Here your child will not only have the opportunity to compete at Disney World, but they will have the opportunity to watch some of the best gymnasts in the country and compete against girls from over 20 different states in an amazing venue and an exciting atmosphere. Additionally, the girls will have an opportunity to compete in Las Vegas this season.

How do I know what day the meet is on?

Please note that all meets on the calendar usually have both a Saturday and Sunday date listed (in some cases a Friday and Monday date too). Team entry fees (made with a club check) are usually due 6 to 8 weeks prior to the competition date. This deadline varies based on the meet host and due to the popularity of some of the meets, as they can “fill up”, sometimes 4 or 5 months in advance. Once the meet director receives our check, (we must send one club check, since meet hosts do not accept individual personal checks) gymnasts are then assigned their competition days and times. We are completely at the mercy of the meet host and they can assign any level, to any day or time slot. Usually (75% of the time), Optional level gymnasts compete on Saturdays and Compulsory level gymnasts compete on Sundays. However, any level can be assigned any day, including a Friday or Monday competition (this may happen once or twice a year). Usually 7-10 days prior to competition we will be notified what day Twisters will be competing.

Explanation of Fees

Twister Annual Registration Fee

Twister Gymnastics assesses an annual registration fee of \$140 for L1-5 and Xcel Bronze & Silver gymnasts, and \$175 for L6-10 and Xcel Gold, Platinum and Diamond gymnasts. This fee covers:

- Team insurance fees,
- Coaches registration, education, and certification,
- Team equipment replacement/refurbishment fund that is used specifically for team and upgrading equipment to meet competitive standards.

The Team Twister Registration fee is due annually and will be billed by September 14, 2018.

General Competition Fund

The General Competition Fund is made up of an additional \$79 from each compulsory and xcel athlete, \$99 from each level 6/7, and \$139 from each level 8-10. This fund benefits everyone by spreading out administrative costs across the whole team. This fee helps cover the administrative costs of:

- Entering athletes in the meets and filling out competitors entry forms
- Collection and accounting of competitive expenses and fees,
- Making coaches travel arrangements.

Additionally, this fund helps defray the costs for the highest-level gymnasts that are traveling to championship meets. Instead of “burying” these fees somewhere, we prefer to disclose what the fees will be used for and present it as a way for those who will eventually be at the higher levels to support those that are currently there. This means that when your child reaches these levels, there will be funds to help support her travel to regional and national competitions throughout the country. With fewer athletes competing at the higher levels, coaching expenses are spread among fewer families.

The following meets are eligible to receive the subsidy from the fund:

· Regionals for Level 6/7/8/9/10 & Xcel

The General Fund Contribution will be charged to all Team Families on November 16, 2018.

Competition Leotards & Warm-Ups

Team leotards and capris are required for every level while the team warm up jackets and bags are not required. However, the team warm up jackets and bags are the only jackets and bags allowed on the competitive floor. You can order and purchase all team attire from the front office. Items in stock will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If we do not have what you need, we will have to place orders for future delivery. Please see the front office for any questions regarding team uniforms.

Tuition vs. Competition Fees

The Difference between Tuition and Competition Fees

Please be aware of the important distinction between tuition and competition fees/expenses. Monthly *tuition* is paid to Twister Gymnastics and this revenue is used to pay expenses associated with *your gymnast's daily training*. *Competition fees/expenses* are used to pay expenses associated with *competing* (meet entry fees, coaches' traveling expenses, etc.). Competition fees are divided into two categories, **coaches' fees & entry fees**.

Coaches Fees:

The coaches' fees are different for each level and based upon the projected coaching costs associated with each competition. These fees cover coaches' expenses such as travel, food, lodging, coaching compensation, and to cover coach's classes & team assignments when they are away at meets.

Entry Fees

Entry fees for competitions vary from \$55-\$165 per event. The level of competition, the location and the nature of the competition (Invitational, State Championship, Regional & National competitions) are all factors in the hosts setting their entry fee. (Entry fees are set by meet hosts, not by Twisters.) All entry fees are collected by Twisters and remitted as a "lump sum" to the competition host, a minimum of 6+ weeks in advance to ensure that our team secures a space in the meet. **Entry fees are not pro-rated or refunded for missed competitions.**

Invitational "Flying" Meets (aka "Stand Alone")

Each year, we offer a "flying" or "stand alone" meet. These competitions have travel and sightseeing opportunities for the girls along with a quality meet in a large venue. The entry fees for these meets are billed in advance, however, the coaches fees (that cover coaches flights, hotels, rental cars, coaches' expenses, etc.) are all calculated and divided among the athletes who attend and then billed post-event. This year, the "Flying" meet is open for all levels that wish to attend. You will see this meet listed on the competition calendar as Lady Luck, which will take place in Las Vegas. The girls' parents will be contacted in early September to see if they wish to take their daughter on this trip. If you have further questions about this meet please email Heather directly at heatherzayac@gmail.com.

Meets with Overnight Travel & "Stand Alone" Meets:

In 2017 SafeSport adopted new supervision policies and guidelines for minor and amateur athletes that travel for competitions. Due to these new policies, Coaches are no longer able to provide overnight supervision to athletes who travel out of town for competitions. All athletes that attend a flying (or travel meet) will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian that has been determined by the athlete's family. The supervising adult may not be a member of the coaching staff unless the gymnast is the child of the coach/staff member. A staff member/coach cannot be responsible for supervising the athletes outside of the competition floor. The coaches will meet the athletes and parents at the meet site for practice sessions (when applicable) and for competition.

2018-2019 Boca Twisters Competitive Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Levels</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Entry Fee + Coaches Fee</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>Charge Date</u>
10/27-10/28	Fright Invite	Levels 4&5	Deerfield Beach	119 + 50	169	9/10/18
12/08	In-House Judge's Evaluation	All Levels	At Twisters during regular practice	0 + 0	0	N/A
1/18-1/21	Lady Luck	All Levels	Las Vegas, NV	L1-5 & XB, XS, XG: 120 + TBD L6-10 & XD, XP: 135 + TBD	TBD (Stand Alone)	Entry Fee: 11/05/18 Coaches Fee: Post Event
2/1-2/3	Sun & Surf Spectacular	All Levels	Coral Springs, FL	L 1&2: 99 + 50 All other levels: 139 + 50	L 1&2: 149 All other levels: 189	11/26/18
2/15-2/18	Presidential Classic	All Levels	Disney's Wide World of Sports	L 1&2: 109 + 70 All other levels: 149 + 70	L 1&2: 179 All other levels: 219	09/24/18
3/1-3/3	Tim Rand Invitational	All Levels	Fort Lauderdale, FL	L 1&2: 109 + 50 All other levels: 149 + 50	L 1&2: 159 All other levels: 199	10/22/18
3/15-3/17	Level 7 FL State Championships	Level 7	Fort Myers, FL	90 + 79	169	02/04/19
3/16-3/17	Rock Superstar	Levels 1-5 & XB, XS, XG	Fort Lauderdale, FL	L1-5: 75 + 50 Xcel Levels: 80 + 50	L1-5: 125 Xcel Levels: 130	01/04/19
4/5-4/7	Level 6 FL State Championships	Level 6	Fort Myers, FL	90 + 79	169	02/22/19
4/12-4/14	Xcel FL State Championships	XB, XS, XG	Lakeland, FL	75 + 79	154	03/04/19
4/26-4/28	Level 6&7 Regional Championships	Level 6 & 7	Chattanooga, TN	Stand Alone	TBD	Post Event
4/27-4/28	FL Crown Championships	XB, XS, Level 4 & 5	Boca Raton, FL	L1&2: 89 + 50 All other levels: 119 + 50	L 1&2: 139 All other levels: 169	03/11/19
5/2-5/5	Xcel Regional Championships	XS & XG	Foothills Hickory, NC	Stand Alone	TBD	Post Event

***ALL** Twister athletes will be entered in **ALL** the listed meets for her level. Approximately ten (10) days prior to each individual meet's "charge date," the team head coach (Heather Zayac) will send out an email about the upcoming competition. You will then have one (1) week to withdraw from the competition with no penalty or billing to your account. Three (3) days prior to the meet deadline, Twisters will send in the official club entry & club check – from that point on it is "out of our hands" and we cannot get a refund. Once the check is sent, we must wait to be notified of our assigned days and times of competition (usually 7-10 days prior to competition).*